एजेसियों की भागीदारी के लिए संयुक्त वन प्रबंध तकनीकों और संस्थाओं का विकास किया जा रहा है।

"Protection of Forest Property Along Indo-Nepal Border"

761. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the forest property in Uttar Pradesh; especially along the Indo-Nepal border, has been increasingly devastated over the past few years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of forest guards have been killed by mafia in that region and; if so, the total number of such victims during the last five years; and

(c) the steps Govemment have taken to protect the forest area during the last three years and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six forest officials have been killed during last five years.

(c) The Following steps have been taken by the government to protect the forests:—

(i) Fifty four ex-army personnel have been deployed in the sensitive forest ranges of Baharaich district bordering Nepal.

(ii) In the bordering areas, the damaged bridges, check-posts have been repaired and patrolling has been strengthened. To check illegal transport of timber 10.5 Kms long trench has been constructed.

(iii) A consultative meeting on biodiversity conservation has been held with His Majesty's Government of Nepal for promoting bilateral co-operation between India and Nepal on the issue of trans-boundary protected area system and control of illegal trade in timber, wild flora and fauna and their products.

The State Government have reported that aforementioned measures have su-cessfui reduced the incidence of illicit felling over last five months.

Discharge of Untreated Effluents by Tamil Nadu Sugar Mills

762. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several sugar mills in Tamil Nadu are discharging the untreated/half treated effluents into streams and rivers contaminating the water used by the peo ple and cattle for drinking purpose; and

(b) if so, whether Government will direct all such mills not to discharge effluents, treated or untreated?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The sugar mills in Tamil Nadu have provided effluent treatment plants for treating their effluents. Most of the sugar mills are discharging their treated effluents for ir-riggation on land except one unit which is discharging its treated effluent into a water channel. Show cause notice has been issued to this unit by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board. The Board is also closely monitoring the performance of effluent treatment plants provided by the sugar mills in the State.

Coservation of Forests, Wildlife and Environment in Northern States

763. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes taken up by Government for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in Northern States during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the amount provided for this purpose during the said period, projectwise; and